REMARKS

I. PRELIMINARY REMARKS

No claims have been amended or added. Claims 30, 31, 33-39, 50-59 and 70-73 have been canceled. Claims 40-44, 46-49, 60, 61 and 63-69 remain in the application. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application, as amended, are respectfully requested.

Applicant notes with appreciation that claims 40-44, 46-49, 60, 61 and 63-69, i.e. all of the pending claims, have been allowed.

II. REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 30, 31, 33-39, 50-59 and 70-73 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over the combined teachings of the Lundquist patent (U.S. Patent No. 5,395,327) and the Webster patent (U.S. Patent No. 5,827,278). As claims 30, 31, 33-39, 50-59 and 70-73 have been canceled, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103 has been rendered moot.

III. CLOSING REMARKS

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all claims in the application have been allowances. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application, as amended, are respectfully requested. Allowance of the application at an early date is courteously solicited.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call applicant's undersigned representative at (310) 563-1458 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0638. Should such fees be associated with an extension of time, applicant respectfully requests that this paper be considered a petition therefor.

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